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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

11 IN RE: CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)
12 ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Master File No. 4:07-CV-5944-JST

MDL No. 1917

13 This Document Relates to:

STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER
RE: DISCOVERY SCHEDULE

14 *ALL DIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS*
15 *ALL INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS*

Judge: Honorable Jon S. Tigar

1 Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs (“DPPs”), Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs (“IPPs”) and Defendants
 2 Irico Group Corporation and Irico Display Devices Co., Ltd. (“Irico” or the “Irico Defendants,”
 3 collectively the “Parties”), by and through the undersigned counsel and pursuant to Federal Rule of
 4 Civil Procedure 16(b)(4) and Civil Local Rule 7-12, hereby stipulate as follows:

5 WHEREAS, the Court’s Scheduling Order and Referral to Magistrate Judge for Settlement
 6 [ECF 5925] established the schedules for the DPP and IPP cases (“Scheduling Order”);

7 WHEREAS, the Parties have been working on supplementing previously served discovery
 8 requests and on December 13, 2021, the DPPs served discovery requests on Irico, and on
 9 December 15, 2021, Irico served discovery requests on the DPPs and IPPs, and the IPPs served
 10 discovery requests on Irico;

11 WHEREAS, working conditions in China have been impacted by the Covid virus and on
 12 December 28, 2021, the Qindu District of Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province, People’s Republic of
 13 China, where Irico’s facilities are located, issued emergency regulations to combat the spread of
 14 the omicron variant of the SARS-COV-2 virus, including: 1) implementing a “stay-at-home” order
 15 affecting all citizens, 2) ordering the closure of all non-essential industrial and commercial
 16 enterprises who do not house their employees on site; 3) requiring all residents to actively
 17 cooperate with epidemic prevention and local health authorities; and, 4) authorizing the local police
 18 department to punish any residents who violate the regulations;

19 WHEREAS, the shutdown in the Qindu District of Xianyang City has resulted in the
 20 closure of Irico’s facilities and severely impacted Irico’s ability to respond to outstanding
 21 discovery requests and has made it impracticable to produce witnesses for deposition;

22 WHEREAS, DPPs and IPPs began meeting and conferring with Irico in August 2021, about
 23 conducting depositions of Irico witnesses but travel restrictions in the United States and China and
 24 concerns regarding the pandemic complicated the scheduling efforts, and the parties continued to
 25 meet and confer multiple times over the following three months as COVID-19 conditions and
 26 travel restrictions changed;

27 WHEREAS, on October 12, 2021, Plaintiffs noticed the depositions of nine Irico witnesses
 28 (four of whom were former employees) for early December 2021, but while Irico agreed to

1 produce two current employees for remote deposition via videoconference in Hong Kong, Irico did
 2 not provide dates for their depositions due to concerns about COVID-19 and travel restrictions in
 3 China;

4 WHEREAS, the Parties are continuing to meet and confer regularly regarding the noticed
 5 depositions of additional Irico witnesses including Irico's concerns regarding the relevance of the
 6 remaining potential witnesses who are current employees, which are also complicated by the
 7 ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including travel restrictions and shutdowns in China;

8 WHEREAS, the Parties agree that an extension to the discovery schedule would permit the
 9 Parties to complete fact discovery and ensure the most efficient use of the Court's time and
 10 resources;

11 WHEREAS, the IPPs and Irico agree that, in light of the proposed changes in the discovery
 12 deadlines, a similar extension of the expert schedule in the IPP action is warranted and can be
 13 achieved without altering other dates in the IPP action, including the currently scheduled trial date;
 14 and,

15 WHEREAS, the Parties agree that good cause exists to modify existing deadlines and the
 16 Scheduling Order as follows, subject to Court approval:

Event	Current Deadline	Proposed Deadline
Deadline to respond to existing discovery (DPP and IPP actions)	Various	February 14, 2022
Depositions of Su Xiaohua and Wang Zhaojie (DPP and IPP actions)	n/a	No later than March 18, 2022
Expert Disclosures (IPP action)	February 11, 2022	March 16, 2022
Expert Rebuttal (IPP action)	March 25, 2022	April 27, 2022
Close of Fact Discovery for Plaintiffs (DPP and IPP actions)	January 14, 2022	May 17, 2022
Close of Expert Discovery (IPP action)	April 22, 2022	May 23, 2022

1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between counsel for DPPs, IPPs
2 and the Irico Defendants that good cause exists to modify the DPP and IPP schedules as follows:

3 1. The deadline to serve responses to existing discovery requests shall be February 14,
4 2022, unless a further extension is agreed to by the Parties as might be required for specific
5 discovery requests given the ongoing pandemic response and shutdown in Xianyang City (DPP and
6 IPP actions);

7 2. The depositions of Su Xiaohua and Wang Zhaojie shall take place via
8 videoconference from Hong Kong no later than March 18, 2022 (Hong Kong time) (DPP and IPP
9 actions);

10 3. The deadline for Expert Disclosures in the IPP action is extended to March 16,
11 2022;

12 4. The deadline for Expert Rebuttal in the IPP action is extended to April 27, 2022;

13 5. The deadline for the Close of Expert Discovery in the IPP action is extended to May
14 23, 2022;

15 6. Irico shall not serve new discovery requests without leave of the Court, and
16 Plaintiffs shall propound any additional discovery and take any depositions with sufficient time to
17 close Fact Discovery on May 17, 2022; and,

18 7. This Stipulation and Order does not modify any other dates in the Scheduling Order
19 except as stated above.

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21 **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION AND GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, IT IS SO**
22 **ORDERED.**

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24 Dated: January 10, 2022

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26 HONORABLE JON S. TIGAR
27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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Dated: January 7, 2022

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ATTESTATION

I, John M. Taladay, hereby attest, pursuant to United States District Court, Northern District of California Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), that each of the other Signatories have concurred in the filing of the document.

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